

Town of La Pointe
Special Town Board Meeting
2015 Budget Workshop
Thursday, October 16th, 2014
5:00 pm at the Town Hall
Approved Minutes

Present: Michael Childers, Marty Curry, Jim Patterson, Ham Ross (absent for some)

Absent: Greg Nelson

Others present: Pete Clark Connie Ross, Seri Demorest, Barb Christensen, Carol Neubauer, Jan Smith, John Carlson, Glenn Carlson, Dave Thomas, Julie Schmitt.

Motion to nominate Ham Ross as acting Chairman in the absence of Greg Nelson, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 3 Ayes (H. Ross abstains), Motion Carried.

1. Call to order at 5:04pm

2. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

A. Cemetery: Presented by Ham Ross, discussion included 2015 budget will be the same as the 2014 budget. One grave has been sold and no one has been buried. There is \$1468 in the cemetery designated fund that he would like to remain for 2015.

H. Ross leaves building for Library portion due to conflict of interest.

Motion to nominate Jim Patterson as acting Chair in the absence of Greg Nelson and Ham Ross, M. Curry/ M. Childers, 2 Ayes (J. Patterson abstains), Motion Carried.

B. Library: 2015 budget proposal presented by Library Director Connie Ross. C. Ross also presented over 135 cards that had been signed by members of the community and other people that value the Library. 2015 budget discussion, the Library asking for \$155,075, about \$7,000 more than 2014. Wages are up 10% for C. Ross and S. Demorest, and the rest of the staff at cost of living (1.7%). The 10% increase in wages is the third step in a three part process that raised the Director and Head Librarian up. Building maintenance was up in 2014 due to insurance money for basement flood. Library is requesting the \$11,000 in Capital Improvement fund to remain from 2014 to 2015 for a new roof that was not complete in 2014. Library gave \$5,000 to the Alternative Energy Committee from their wish list campaign donations because solar energy is on their wish list. They also paid for new carpeting from the wish list donations.

C. Clinic/ Health Center: 2015 proposed budget for the Clinic presented by Barb Christensen, Clinic Board of Directors President. Clinic is asking for no change from 2014 to 2015, about the same (\$28,670) for insurances and operating costs). Rent for the Clinic is \$1/ month. Other discussion included the Clinic looking at short and long te rm plans, increasing marketing to reach more people, whether grants could be applied for to offset some of the costs, and having record books to be public record since they receive funding from the Town.

Ham Ross returns to meeting. Motion to nominate Ham Ross as acting Chairman, M. Curry/ M. Childers, 3 Ayes (H. Ross abstain), Motion Carried.

D. CAPP (Community & Public Works Planning Committee) and other Ad Hoc Committees (Local Foods, Alternative Energy, Harbor): Administrator Clark spoke on behalf of committees. Hasn't been much happening with local foods, but still interested in moving forward, and may want a small amount for education. Winter transportation: Town will contribute 10,000/ year to expenses, up \$3000 from past years (Ferry and Bayfield School District also contribute equally). If there are any funds left over at the end of the year, they would like them to stay so there is a fund for Windsled repairs, a new windlsed, or leasing a windsled. It is thought that by 2017 this will need to be done. Minor repairs will be done this year. Alternative Energy Committee has not submitted their 2015 budget proposals yet. Harbor Committee is looking into extending the Town Dock and possibly extending Joni's Beach dock. They currently have \$38,353 in their designated fund and may be requesting an additional 37,000 in hopes that grant monies come in for the engineering design of docks.

3. Adjourn at 6:12pm J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted, October 28, 2014, Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk